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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
SUMIE SUDA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: FOGARTY, CAITLIN
SERIAL NO: 10/549,753 :
FILED: SEPTEMBER 21, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1793
FOR: STEEL WIRE FOR HIGH :
STRENGTH SPRING EXCELLENT IN
WORKABILITY AND HIGH STRENGTH
SPRING

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

On March 2, 2010, Applicants' representative conducted a Personal Interview with Examiner Caitlin Fogarty. Applicants thank Examiner Fogarty for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the interview.

During the interview, Applicants' representative argued that a *prima facie* case of obviousness of the present claims had not been made, e.g., for the reasons set forth in Applicants' previous response. Applicants' representative further inquired as to the type and quantity of evidence that would be sufficient to overcome any alleged *prima facie* case of obviousness. In response, Examiner Fogarty made several suggestions regarding the type and quantity of evidence that she would find persuasive.

Respectfully submitted,

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